



In re Application of:

HIROSHI MAEHARA

Application No.: 10/537,413

Int'l App. No.: PCT/JP2004/005550

Int'l Filing Date.: April 19, 2004

For: APPARATUS FOR HANDLING MINUTE OBJECT

Docket No.

03500.101152.

Examiner: FAYEZ G. ASSAF

Group Art Unit: 2872

Date: March 9, 2007

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	5	MINUS	20	= 0	x \$25 \$50	\$.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	= 0	x \$100 \$200	\$.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						\$.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$.00

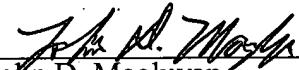
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- Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a _____ month extension is enclosed.
- A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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PATENT APPLICATION



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated December 13, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: